

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

September 13, 2011

**SUBJECT:**

MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program

**SUMMARY:**

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$300,000 for the Design Assistance for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. There was also \$164,999 carry over from the previous year. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for preliminary design assistance of a bicycle or pedestrian project. funding. Eight applications requesting \$655,280 in funding were originally submitted for consideration. Two jurisdictions subsequently withdrew their applications.

On August 16, 2011, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed the applications and unanimously recommended the following projects for approval: Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Pathway at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for \$80,000; Gilbert: Multi-use Pathway Development for \$66,549; Glendale: New River Path Connection for \$77,200; Mesa: Gateway Shared Use Path for \$120,000; Cave Creek: Bicycle Lanes Project for \$41,250; and the Phoenix: Bridge - Children's Museum to Arizona Science Center for \$80,000 through the MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program.

On August 25, 2011, the Transportation Review Committee concurred with the recommendation of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

On September 7, 2011, the MAG Management Committee recommended the following projects for approval: Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Pathway at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for \$80,000; Gilbert: Multi-use Pathway Development for \$66,549; Glendale: New River Path Connection for \$77,200; Mesa: Gateway Shared Use Path for \$120,000; Cave Creek: Bicycle Lanes Project for \$41,250; and the Phoenix: Bridge - Children's Museum to Arizona Science Center for \$80,000 through the MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: This program assists MAG member agencies by offering professional design assistance to develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities that help reduce congestion and improve air quality.

CONS: According to federal law, any project which is not constructed after being designed with federal transportation funds could be required to return the funds used for design to the Federal Highway Administration.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The Design Assistance Program encourages implementation of the adopted MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines and nationally accepted bicycle facilities design practices.

POLICY: These programs encourage the development of facilities to encourage walking and bicycling.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of the following projects through the MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program: Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Pathway at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for \$80,000; Gilbert: Multi-use Pathway Development for \$66,549; Glendale: New River Path Connection for \$77,200; Mesa: Gateway Shared Use Path for \$120,000; Cave Creek: Bicycle Lanes Project for \$41,250; and the Phoenix: Bridge - Children’s Museum to Arizona Science Center for \$80,000.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

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MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Charlie Meyer, Tempe, Chair                      | Bill Hernandez, Guadalupe                                 |
| David Cavazos, Phoenix                           | Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park                          |
| # Matt Busby for George Hoffman, Apache Junction | Miranda Culver for Christopher Brady, Mesa                |
| Charlie McClendon, Avondale                      | Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley                                |
| * Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye                     | Carl Swenson, Peoria                                      |
| * Gary Neiss, Carefree                           | John Kross, Queen Creek                                   |
| * Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek                    | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community |
| Rich Dlugas, Chandler                            | David Richert, Scottsdale                                 |
| Spencer Isom, El Mirage                          | Chris Hillman, Surprise                                   |
| * Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation  | # Chris Hagen for Reyes Medrano, Tolleson                 |
| Julie Ghetti, Fountain Hills                     | # Stephanie Wojcik, Wickenburg                            |
| Rick Buss, Gila Bend                             | Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown                                |
| * David White, Gila River Indian Community       | Kwi Sung Kang for John Halikowski, ADOT                   |
| Patrick Banger, Gilbert                          | Kenny Harris for David Smith, Maricopa Co.                |
| Brent Stoddard for Ed Beasley, Glendale          | Bryan Jungwirth for David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA        |
| John Fischbach, Goodyear                         |   |

- \* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.      + Participated by videoconference call.

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| Peoria: David Moody                  | Guadalupe: Gino Turrubiarres                    |
| ADOT: Tim Wolfe for Floyd Roehrich   | Litchfield Park: Paul Ward for Woody Scoutten   |
| * Avondale: David Fitzhugh           | Maricopa County: Clem Ligocki for John Hauskins |
| Buckeye: Scott Lowe                  | Mesa: Mike James for Scott Butler               |
| Chandler: Dan Cook for Patrice Kraus | Paradise Valley: Bill Mead                      |
| El Mirage: Lance Calvert             | Phoenix: Rick Naimark                           |
| * Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel       | # Queen Creek: Kevin Johnson for Tom Condit     |
| Gila Bend: Eric Fitzer               | RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth                           |
| * Gila River: Doug Torres            | Scottsdale: Dave Meinhart                       |
| Gilbert: Ken Maruyama for Tami Ryall |   |
| Glendale: Bob Darr for Terry Johnson |   |
| Goodyear: Cato Esquivel              |   |

Surprise: Bob Beckley  
\* Tempe: Chad Heinrich  
Valley Metro Rail: John Farry

Wickenburg: Rick Austin  
Youngtown: Grant Anderson for Lloyce  
Robinson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

Street Committee:  
\* ITS Committee: Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa  
County

Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Katherine  
Coles, City of Phoenix  
\* Transportation Safety Committee: Julian  
Dresang, City of Tempe

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# Attended by Audioconference

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Reed Kempton, Scottsdale, Chair  
Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale,  
Vice-Chair  
Michael Sanders, ADOT  
Tiffany Halperin, ASLA, Arizona Chapter  
\* Robert Wisener, Buckeye  
\* D.J. Stapley, Carefree  
Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists  
Jason Crampton, Chandler  
Douglas Strong, El Mirage  
Ken Maruyama for Tami Ryall, Gilbert

Steve Hancock, Glendale  
Joe Schmitz, Goodyear  
Paul Ward for Michael Cartsonis,  
Litchfield Park  
\* Denise Lacey, Maricopa County  
Jim Hash, Mesa  
Brandon Forrey, Peoria,  
Katherine Coles, Phoenix  
Dawn Coomer, RPTA  
Karen Savage, Surprise  
\* Eric Iwersen, Tempe

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy. +Attended via audio-conference

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